REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated September 27, 2004, requiring restriction between Invention I (claims 1-31) and Invention II (claims 32-45). With this Response, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-31) without traverse. Applicants also withdraw claims 32-45 without traverse and reserve the right to prosecute such claims in a later application.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims and a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite the resolution of this case, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

If any fees are inadvertently omitted or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit these fees to Conley Rose, P.C. Deposit Account No. 03-2769.

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